

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph of the specification starting at page 7, line 18 and ending at page 8, line 1 as set forth below:

As the fins 42 spaced from one another, they define curved slots therebetween that extend between downstream edges [[[62]]] 48 and upstream edges [[[64]]] 46 of the fins 42. When fluid under pressure flows from the inlets 36 into the first annular end space 28 (fluid flow direction  $F_1$ ), the fluid flow under pressure necessarily is given a circular component as the fluid deflects and flows through the slots between the fins 42 into the annular space 26 (fluid flow direction  $F_2$ ). Thus, the fins 42 deflect the incoming fluid flow and causes that fluid to swirl around the filter element 14.